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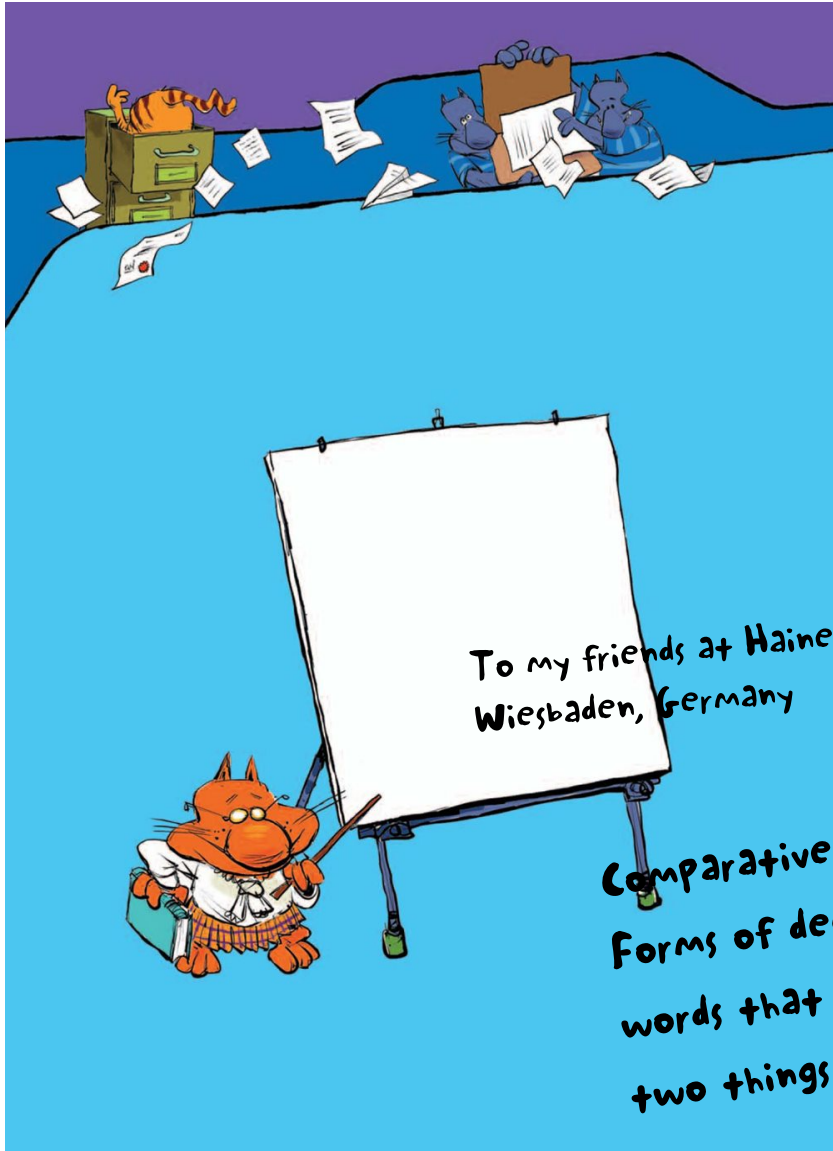
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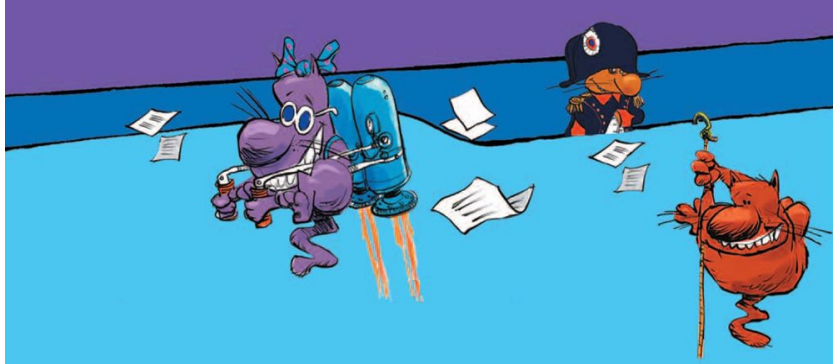


To my friends at Hainerberg Elementary School in
Wiesbaden, Germany

—B.P.C.

Comparatives:
Forms of describing
words that compare
two things

Superlatives:
Forms of describing
words that compare
three or more things



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cheesier,

newest,

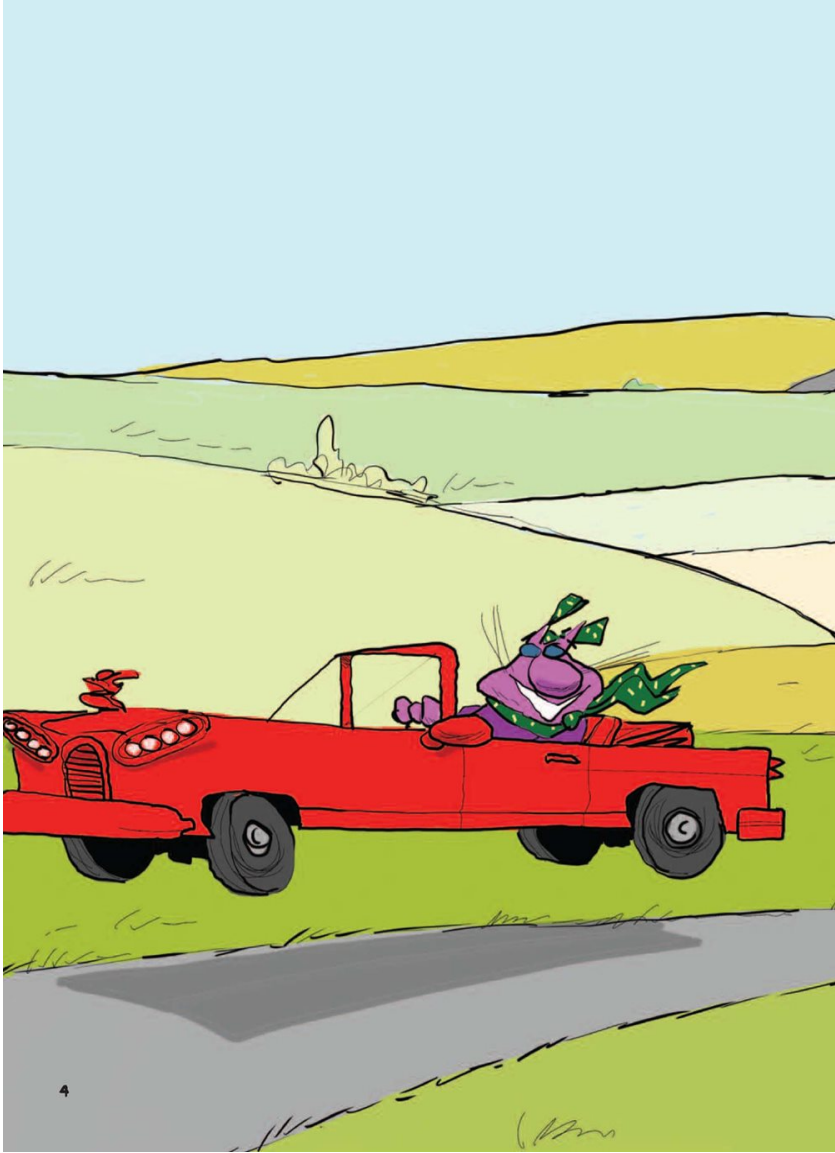
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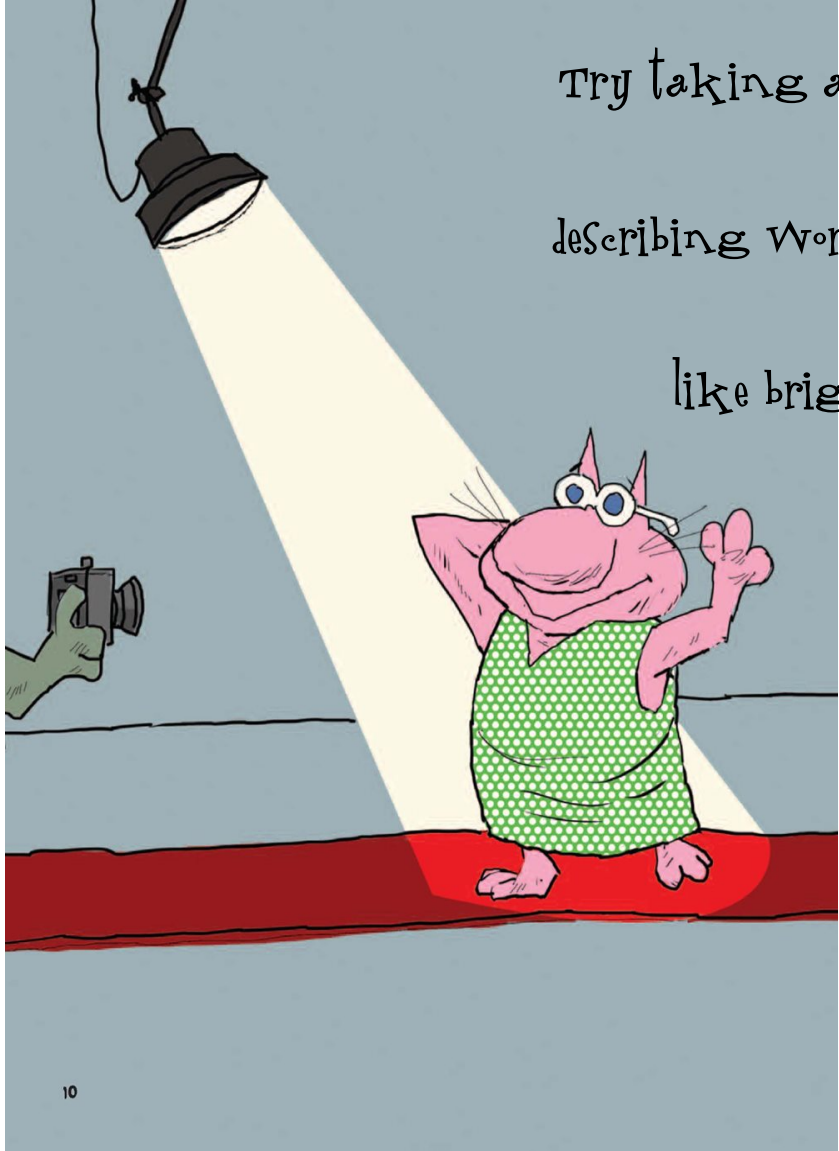












Try taking a

describing word,

like bright.

Now add e-r.

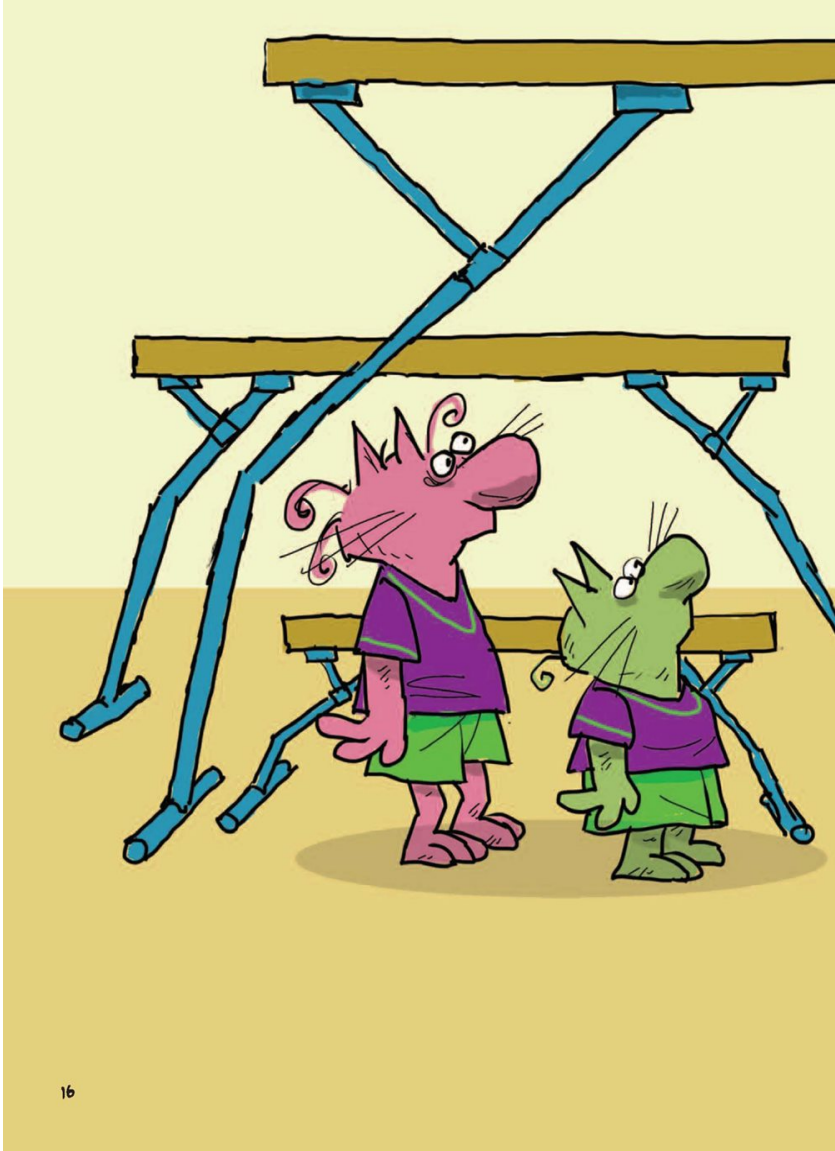


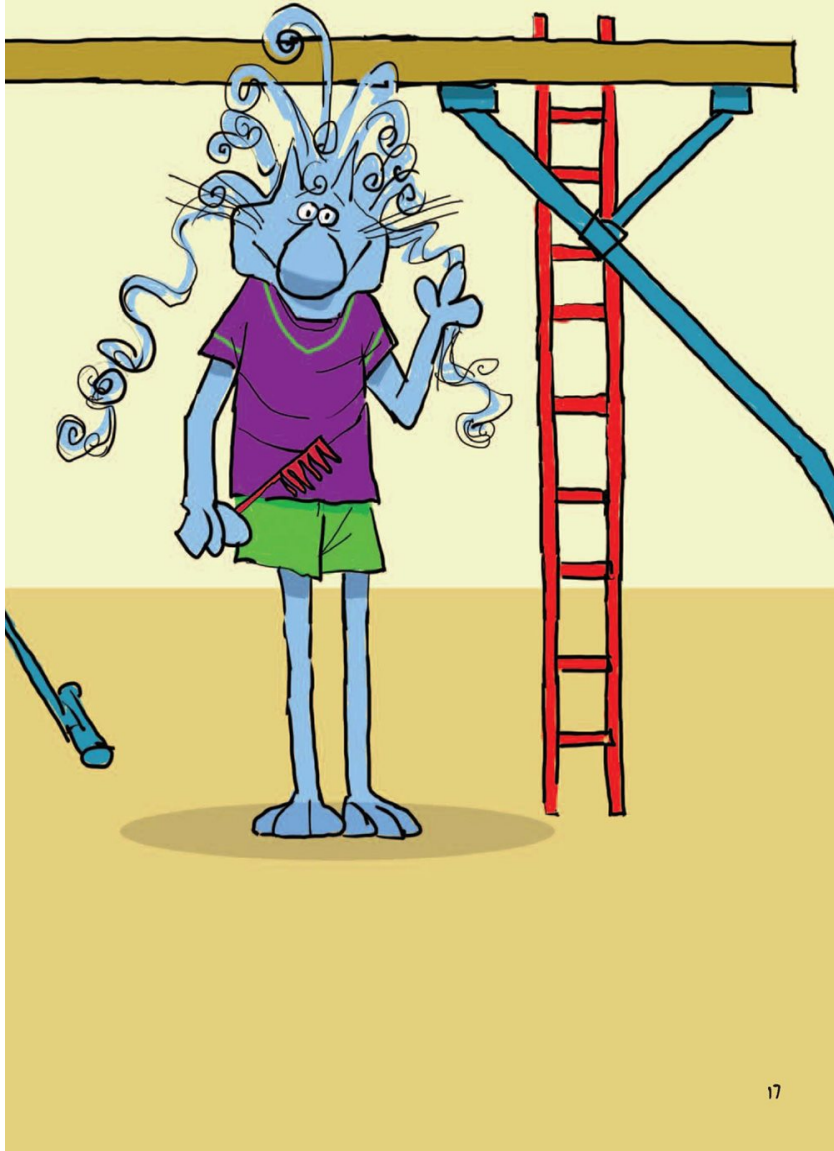








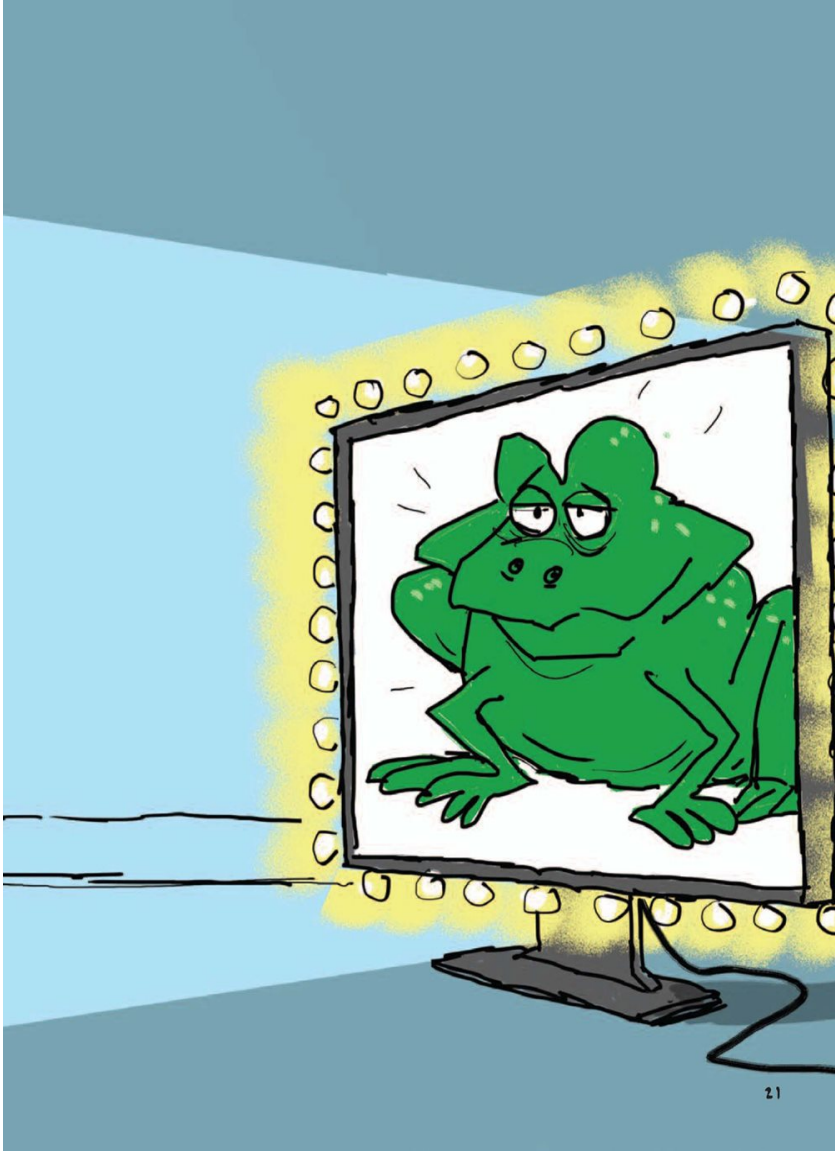




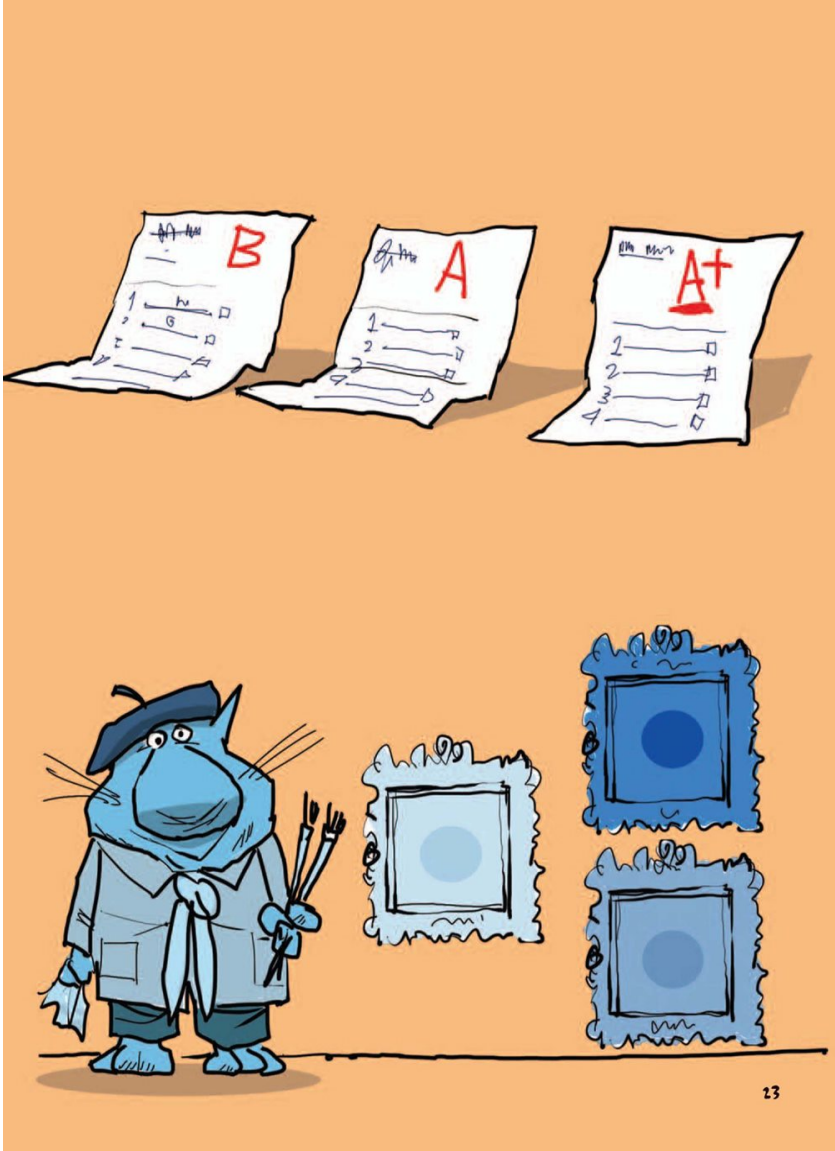


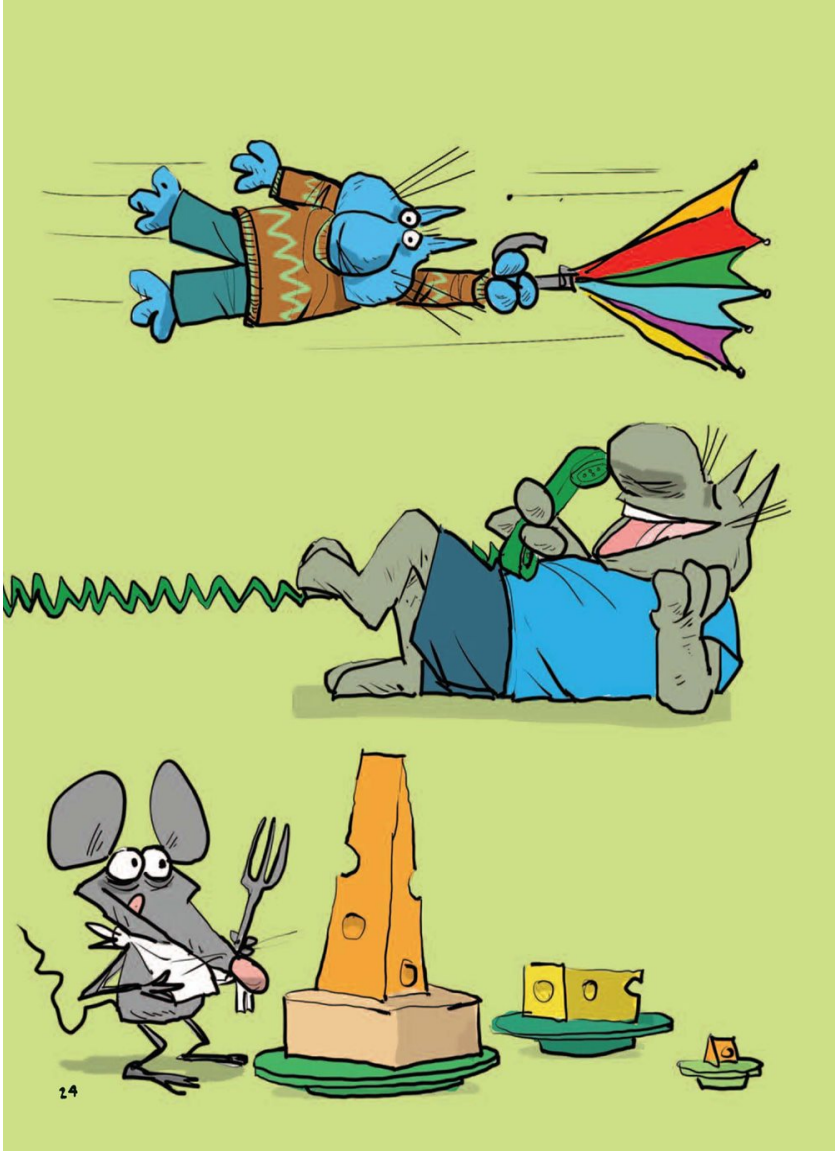






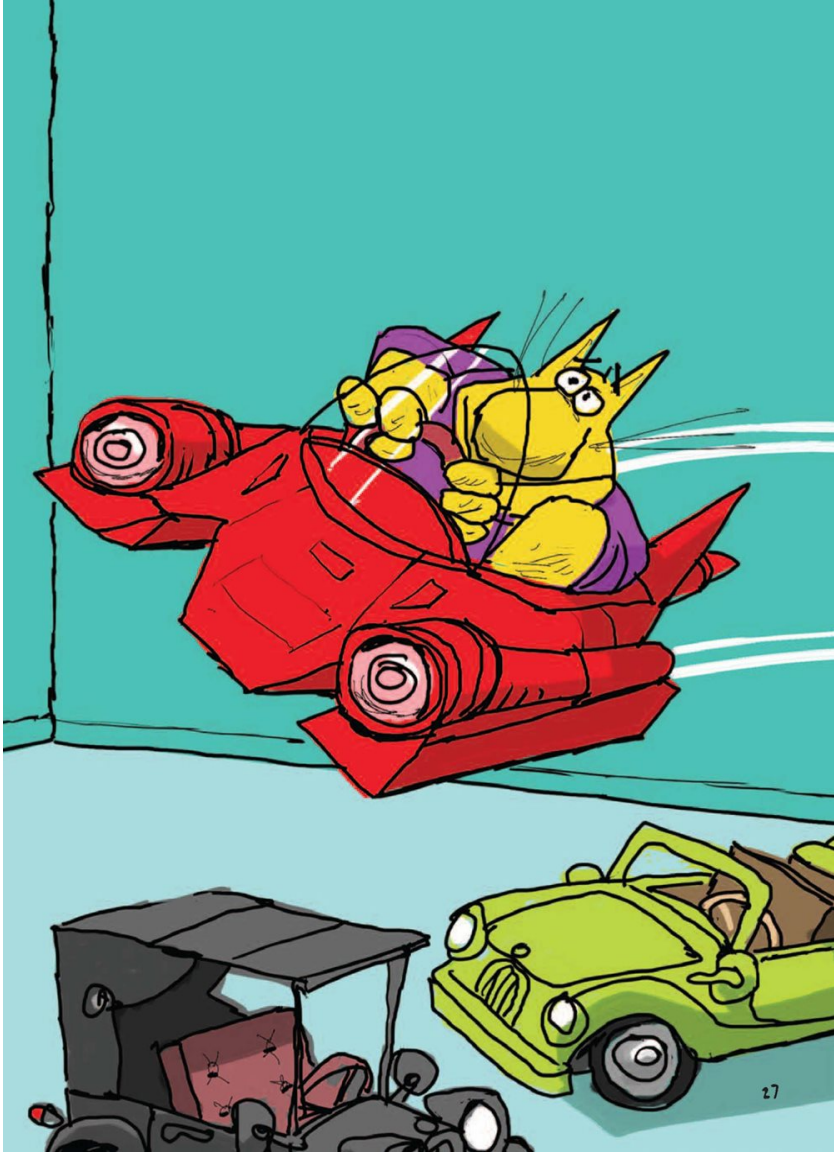


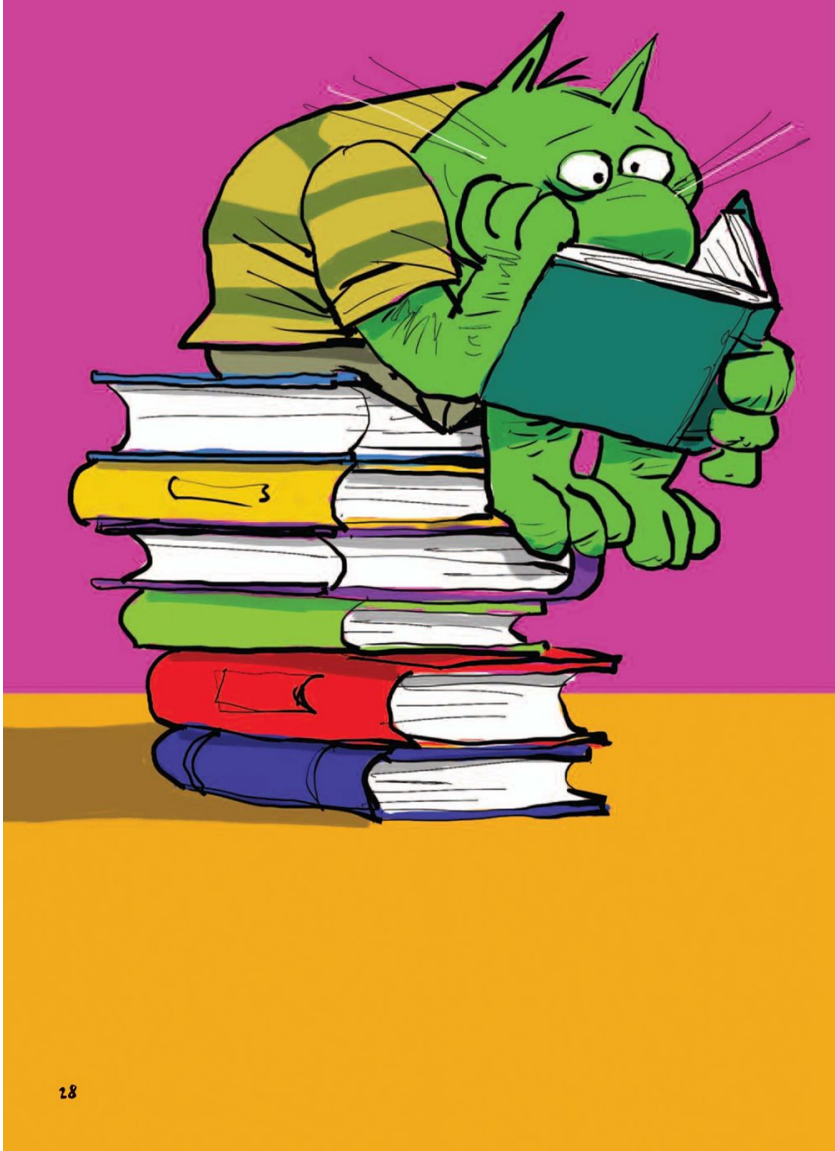




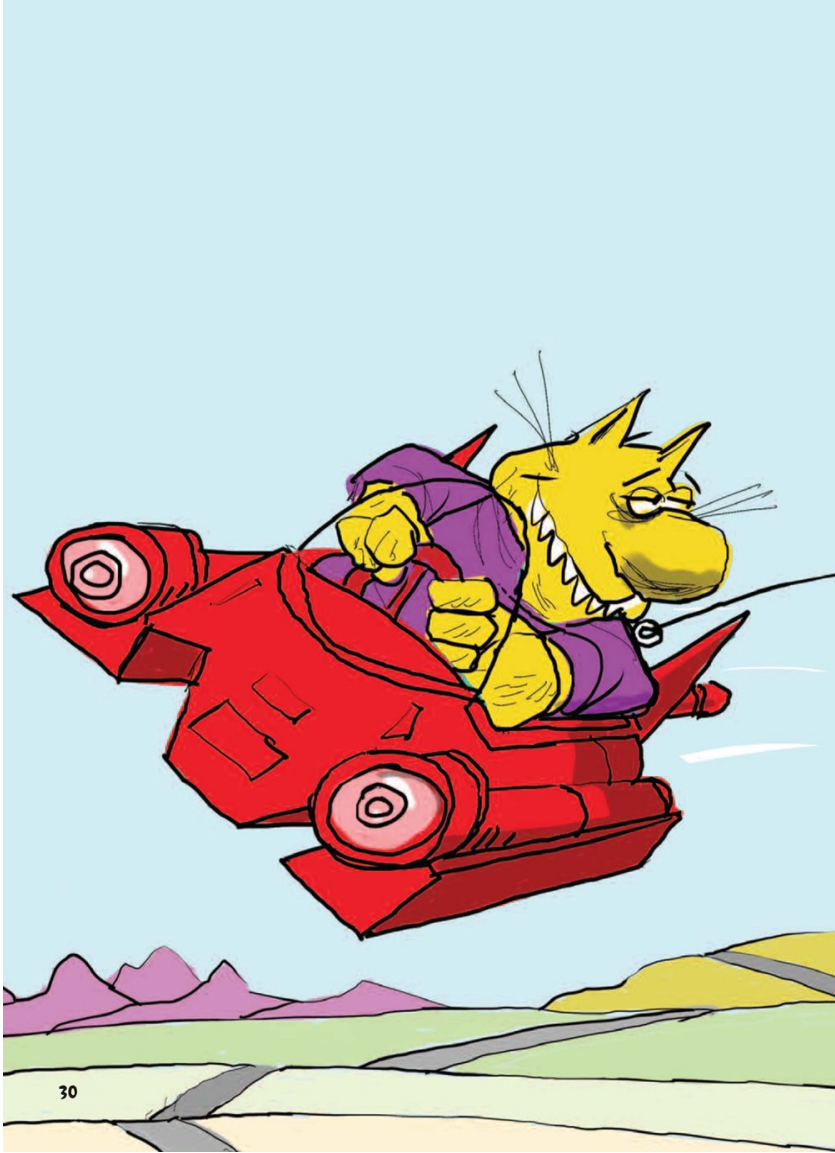












How to Form Comparatives and Superlatives

Usually, add **-er** or **-est** to the end of the adjective (d)

tall taller tallest

long longer longest

If a one-syllable adjective ends in an e, simply add **-r** o

blue bluer bluest

large larger largest

If a one-syllable adjective ends in a consonant with a

it,

~~big~~ ~~the~~ ~~compar~~ ~~er~~ ~~before~~ ~~adding~~ ~~-er~~ ~~or~~ ~~-est~~.

thin thinner thinnest

If an adjective ends in y, change the **-y** to **-i** and add **-**

happy happier happiest

lucky luckier luckiest

With many other two-syllable adjectives, use **"more"** o

pleasant more pleasant most

thoughtful more thoughtful most

Other adjectives don't follow any pattern.

far farther farthest

bad worse worst

many

more

most



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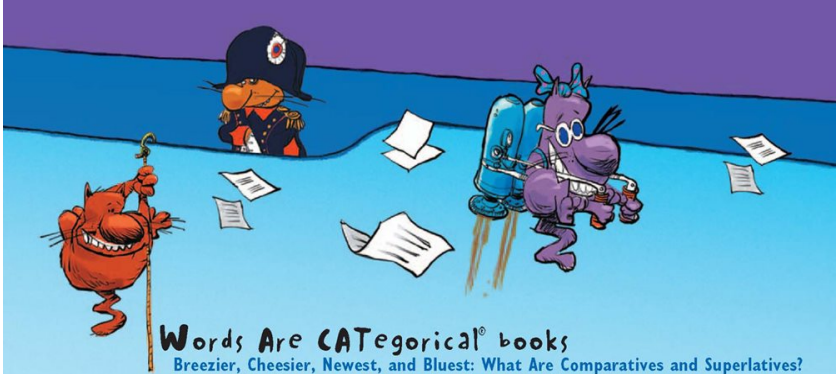
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